

## Department of Defense

## 236.270

than an award decision, such as sub-contractor approval and awards for excellence.

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### **236.203 Government estimate of construction costs.**

(c)(i) Designate the Government estimate as "For Official Use Only," unless the information is classified. If it is, handle the estimate in accordance with security regulations.

(ii) For sealed bid acquisitions—

(A) File a sealed copy of the Government estimate with the bids. (In the case of two-step acquisitions, this is done in the second step.)

(B) After the bids are read and recorded, remove the "For Official Use Only" designation and read and record the estimate as if it were a bid, in the same detail as the bids.

### **236.204 Disclosure of the magnitude of construction projects.**

Additional price ranges are—

- (i) Between \$10,000,000 and \$25,000,000;
- (ii) Between \$25,000,000 and \$100,000,000;
- (iii) Between \$100,000,000 and \$250,000,000;
- (iv) Between \$250,000,000 and \$500,000,000; and
- (v) Over \$500,000,000.

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### **236.206 Liquidated damages.**

See 211.503 for instructions on use of liquidated damages.

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### **236.213 Special procedures for sealed bidding in construction contracting.**

#### **236.213-70 Additive or deductive items.**

(a) If it appears that sufficient funds may not be available for all the desired construction features, consider using a bid schedule with—

(1) A first or base bid item covering the work generally as specified; and

(2) A list of priorities that contains one or more additive or deductive bid items that progressively add or omit

specified features of the work in a stated order of priority. (Normally, do not mix additive and deductive bid items in the same solicitation.)

(b) Before opening the bids, record in the contract file the amount of funds available for the project.

(c) Determine the low bidder and the bid items to be awarded as follows:

(1) Use the recorded amount of available funds to determine the low bidder, which will be the bidder that—

(i) Is otherwise eligible for award; and

(ii) Offers the lowest aggregate amount for the first or base bid item, plus or minus (in order of listed priority), those additive or deductive bid items that provide the most features within the funds available.

(2) Evaluate all bids on the basis of the same additive or deductive bid items.

(i) If adding another item from the bid schedule list of priorities would make the award exceed the available funds, skip that item and go to the next item from the list of priorities.

(ii) Add the next item if an award can be made that includes the item and is still within the available funds.

(3) Use the list of priorities only to determine the low bidder. After determining the low bidder, an award may be made on any contribution if—

(i) It is in the best interests of the Government;

(ii) Funds are available at time of award; and

(iii) The low bidder's price for the combination is less than the price offered by any other responsive, responsible bidder.

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### **236.270 Expediting construction contracts.**

(a) 10 U.S.C. 2858 requires agency head approval to expedite the completion date of a contract funded by a Military Construction Appropriations Act, if additional costs are involved. This approval authority may not be re-delegated. The approval authority must—

(1) Certify that the additional expenditures are necessary to protect the National interest; and